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Sunday: 7am, 9am & 5.30pm  
10.30am (Italian)

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am  
Monday - Friday  
8am Saturday  
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# Spread the Word

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The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles.



The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

**Holy Communion:** *It is emphasised that if you are unwell, you refrain from receiving from the chalice or receiving communion on the tongue.*



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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Sunday 25 June

- 2.00pm Jesus Youth – Library

#### Monday 26 June

- 10.30am Funeral: Christopher Oxenham – Church

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

#### Tuesday 27 June

- 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul – Aquinas Room

#### Wednesday 28 June

- 9.45am Novena: OLPH – Church

- 10.30am BED Scripture Group – Library

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

#### Thursday 29 June

- 10.30am Funeral: Bob Mollison – Church

#### Sunday 2 July

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

**Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick** Robert Balmer, Ciaran Ayres, Caroline Massa, Marie Atkinson, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley **those whose anniversaries occur around this time** Winnie Sutherland, Jean-Claude Alizart, Jacqueline Dickson, Alice Mollison, Stella McIntyre, Jackson Spriggs, Paul Sullivan, Ron Roff, Peter Hellwig, Victoria Cenita, John Sullivan **and the recently deceased** Robert (Bob) Mollison, Christopher Oxenham, Flora Sayoto Padol, Umberto Cecchini, Olga Clapcott, Joan Roche, Vincent Petralia.

### Peter's Pence Collection

This weekend, 24-25 June, we take up the Peter's



Pence Collection as a retiring (leaving) collection at all Masses. The collection is taken up on a weekend near the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (29 June).

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance.

**Our Lady of Graces Holy Cards** are available from Our Lady's Shrine. A donation into the candle stand, to cover printing costs of the Holy Cards, would be appreciated.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** is currently on a break for the school holidays. Children's Liturgy of the Word will next be held on Sunday 9 July at 9.00am Mass. All primary school aged children are welcome to attend.

### Ministers of Communion @ Sunday 5.30pm Mass

Our Sunday 5.30pm Mass, which is one of our larger Masses of the weekend, still requires additional Ministers of Communion, so as not to overburden those currently on the roster.

**If you feel interested in being part of this ministry as a Minister of Communion at the Sunday 5.30pm Mass and are currently not on the roster, please call or email the parish office with your expression of interest and contact details.**

### Maintenance Update

#### - Restoring of the Church Doors

On Wednesday of this past week, the project of Restoring the Church Doors recommenced with the removal of the two sets of doors between the Data Projector Room and the corridor to the Sacristy and the Parish Office.

These two sets of doors have been taken away for the paint to be removed from the outside and both sides be restored back to the wood, similar to the main front doors of the Church.

At this stage, each two sets will take approximately a week to restore. This is subject to favourable weather. We, therefore, should hopefully have all eight sets of doors restored by the end of July.

#### - New Church Exterior Lights

New exterior lights have been installed on the awning of the Church as well this past week. These new LED Lights replace the Yellow / Orange Lights, which have now come to the end of their lifespan due to parts and new bulbs being very hard to source these days.

**St Vincent de Paul Meeting:** 7.00pm Tuesday 27 June in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are always welcome.

**Social Justice Committee** will next meet on Tuesday, 4 July, 7.30pm in the Parish Library. New members are more than welcome to attend.

**Parish 500 Card Group** will meet at 7.30pm on Friday 7 July in the Aquinas Room (room underneath the Church). New members are more than welcome.

### Sacramental Program 2023

First Holy Communion (Year 4 / 9 years old)

*Family Session 1 - Preparation Session*

- Tuesday 11 July, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Option 1)
- Sunday 16 July, 3pm-4pm (Option 2)

**OLOG Diners** will next meet on Wednesday, 12 July, 6.00pm. The OLOG Diners have decided to try out the Bistro at the Camp Hill in July. The address is 724 Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill, and there is parking at the front and rear of the hotel. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### Parish NAIDOC Week Mass

The Parish Social Justice Committee are organising a Mass to celebrate NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week on Sunday 23 July at 9.00am Mass.

This Mass is being held a couple weeks later than NAIDOC Week to allow our school communities of San Sisto College and St Martin's to be also involved in the Mass.

### St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference

St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina  
BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026584

To donate non-perishable food, you are welcome to leave in the baskets at the church door.



## Holy Infant Orphanage Mae Sot, Thailand

Many years ago, the Missionary Sister of St Dominic were asked to work with Burmese Refugees in Thailand.

One of the ministries they took on was the establishment and running of an orphanage in the north-west of Thailand.

For many years, Fr Alex has travelled to Mae Sot to give retreats to the sisters and to work with the children. Fr Alex will be travelling to Mae Sot again this August.

Parish communities have supported the many different projects of the years including new solar panels for power supply, water tanks, a baker, and a weaving workshop.

**On the weekend of 15-16 July, we will have an Appeal to support Holy Infant Orphanage.** Appeal envelopes will be available to give a donation via cash or credit card. All money from donations will go directly to the sisters. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Our Lady of Graces Parish Expo

Our Lady of Graces has traditionally been a welcoming parish where we seek to welcome our current and potential parishioners into our community.

The ministries and groups within the parish play an important role in bringing this vision to life.

To help parishioners and visitors understand and know about the different ministries and groups that make up Our Lady of Graces Parish, we will be holding a Parish Expo on the weekend of 29-30 July after each Mass. This will be similar to the Parish Expo we held in 2018. At the Expo, we hope that each group or ministry will have a small stall with a representative present to answer any questions and to also hand out information about the group / ministry they are representing.

Over the next couple of weeks, each group / ministry leader will be in contact for us to discuss further details regarding the Parish Expo and how the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Office can assist with promoting your ministry / group at the Parish Ekpo.

### Celebrations at the Cathedral of St Stephen

#### Wednesday 28 June, 10.00am Mass

Parishioners are invited to celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.

Also at this Mass, the Archdiocese will thank Bishop Ken Howell for his 40 years of service to the Archdiocese of Brisbane before he takes-up his appointment as Bishop of Toowoomba.

#### Thursday 29 June, 7.00pm Mass

The Archdiocese will celebrate the Ordination of the Presbyterate for Deacons Isaac Falzon, Minje Kim and Gerard Lai.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au), 3230 8600. Visit [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).

### Grand Plans for Grandparents

The Church is preparing to celebrate the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 23 July.

It's a special day when the Church honours and recognises the important role that grandparents and elderly individuals play as they share the faith with their grandchildren and witness to Jesus through their lives. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

Join with Evangelisation Brisbane for a morning that celebrates your important role in shaping the faith of your grandchildren and children. Discover fresh ways to engage with your grandchildren, sharing the gift of faith with renewed enthusiasm, and connect with fellow grandparents, share your experiences, and build a supportive community.

*Who's it for? Grandparents!*

Date/Time: Saturday 22 July, 9:15-11:15am  
Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre  
(194 Charlotte St, Brisbane City)

Dress code: smart casual

RSVP: 17 July

Cost: \$15

Guest Speaker: Robert Falzon, MenAlive

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Reserve your spot today by registering here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>

Free parking available via 194 Charlotte Street (underneath the Cathedral)

Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey.



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